

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 338

By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Master Chief Enoch Luna for meritorious service to the youth and citizenry of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to honor those educators and members of the Armed Forces whose commitment to the youth of this nation can only be categorized as outstanding; and

WHEREAS, the Naval Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) is a character education program with the mission of developing leadership and citizenship in students in grades 9-12; the military environment is the vehicle that is used to teach the essential qualities that are necessary to excel as a citizen and as a leader; and

WHEREAS, the staff and faculty of Columbia Central High School (CCHS) have demonstrated a desire to help today's youth by working with and supporting the school's NJROTC unit; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary faculty member is Enoch Elijah Luna III, Naval Science Instructor of the NJROTC and retired Master Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, Master Chief Luna has been an enthusiastic and crucial part of the NJROTC program at Columbia Central High School since July of 2001, when he started the unit with eighty students; and

WHEREAS, during this period he has provided exceptional guidance and accountability to over 500 Cadets enrolled in the NJROTC program, and has helped cadets in all areas of developmental growth; and

WHEREAS, after three years of his nurturing leadership, the enrollment in Master Chief Luna's course increased to over 120 members; and

WHEREAS, Master Chief Luna has devoted his efforts to giving special attention to the beginning classes of the NJROTC program and thus has developed very close bonds with those under his tutelage; and

WHEREAS, Master Chief Luna uses his extensive experience with the United States Navy to educate his students in the realities of Naval service; he served in many positions with the U.S. Navy, including Executive Personnel Manager, Personnel Manager for Airport Operations, and Air Traffic Control Department Manager; and

WHEREAS, Master Chief Luna holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Alameda University and a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from East Texas State University; he is also a graduate of the United States Navy Senior Enlisted Academy, the Facility Administration/Management School and Instructor Basic Course; and

WHEREAS, his depth of intellect, memory, unique ability to articulate military requirements and instill pride in his students, and his sensitivity to students' special needs enable Master Chief Luna to be superbly effective with students, parents, fellow teachers, and all organizations within Columbia and Maury County; and

WHEREAS, Master Chief Luna tirelessly devotes himself to supporting his students' academic, personal, and career pursuits, serving as mentor as well as teacher; his contributions will long outlive his tenure; and

WHEREAS, this body is pleased to recognize Master Chief Enoch Luna for his dedication to Columbia Central High School's NJROTC program and its continuing service to this State and its citizenry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Master Chief Enoch Elijah Luna III upon his outstanding service to the youth and citizenry of the State of Tennessee and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.